

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the energy density is between 1.4-1.6 kcal/ml.

Claim 3-4 (canceled):

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the ~~soluble fibre is acacia gum,~~ insoluble fibre is provided by pea outer fibre and oligosaccharides are fructooligosaccharides.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 comprising a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 comprising 4.5 to 6g protein/100ml.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 comprising a source of lipids.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is clinically free of lactose.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for improving the digestive tract and bowel function of a patient requiring same comprising the steps of administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for enhancing mucosal barrier function in a patient requiring same comprising administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for promoting gut health or comfort in an elderly patient in need of same comprising administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for preparing a nutritional composition comprising the steps of:

mixing a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, and

hydrating the components to provide a liquid mixture.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for maintaining or restoring a well-balanced gut flora comprising the step of administering to ~~a~~an individual in need of same ~~the nutritional composition~~—a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for enhancing mucosal function in a human individual in need of same, comprising the step of administering to ~~a~~the human individual a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fibre, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fibre in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble fiber and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides.